Maharashtra	672	628	334
N.E. Region	17	32	247
Orissa	36	200	206
Punjab	144	1521	283
Rajasthan	59	113	126
Tamilnadu	487	490	1179
Uttar Pradesh	60	68	1360
West Bengal	177	31	180
TOTAL	3309	7232	7358

Acquisition of coalfields by Electricity Boards

*108. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the parties including Electricity Boards that have applied to acquire coalfields; and

(b) the number of parties that have been permitted to acquire coalfields alongwith the area of such coalfields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Following Firms| Electricity Boards have expressed their interest in developing captive coal mines for power generation :—

(i) Government of Gujarat (for Gujarat Power Corporaton).

(ii) Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

(iii) M|s RPG Industries Limited.

(iv) M|s Kalinga Power Corporation Limited.

(v) M|s Indian Charge Chrome Limited.

(vi) M|s Indian Aluminium Company Limited.

(vii) M|s Development Consultants Limited.

(viii) M|s. Nippon Denro Ispat Limited.

(ix) M|s Cogentrix of USA.

(b) As of now no Firm|Electricity Board etc. has been permitted to acquire any coalfield.

Shortages in Coal Industry

*109. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortages in coal industry are attributed to assessed weight in volumetric and despatch weight in actual tonnage. if so, the details of such shortages during the last five years, year-wise; and

(b) the number of loading points with mannual and electrical weigh bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) One of the rea-